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WBZ'S ANTHONY SILVA WINS SBA AWARD

BOSTON – Anthony Silva, co-anchor of *The WBZ Afternoon News* broadcast and New England Business Editor for *WBZ NewsRadio and WBZ 4*, has been named the 2003 Massachusetts Small Business Journalist by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) according to an announcement made by Elaine Guiney, Massachusetts SBA Director.

The Small Business Journalist of the Year award is presented annually to an individual who has made an effort to increase public understanding of the importance of small business contributions to the economy.

“The SBA Advocate awards honor the best small business has to offer, and Anthony Silva is an outstanding choice,” said SBA Regional Administrator Jeffrey Butland. “This is an outstanding testimonial, not only to his accomplishments, but to his commitment and dedication to small business success and community service as well. I join my SBA colleagues in congratulating Anthony on this significant achievement.”

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Anthony Silva joined WBZ in 1979 as an anchor and reporter and moved to his current position in 1987 as the New England Business Editor for WBZ NewsRadio and WBZ 4, where he presents "New England Business Reports" each weekday on the stations' newscasts. Silva also hosts quarterly WBZ Business Breakfasts for Boston-area business executives. The region's only major broadcast business reporter, Silva focuses on events and trends that affect New England, with a special focus on small business.

"Anthony Silva represents the finest advocacy voice for small businesses with his coverage of small business issues and resources," said Guiney. "He is a strong and effective voice for the interests and concerns of the small and growing businesses that will rebuild our economy."

Silva will be honored at an awards luncheon at the Boston Marriott Copley Place at noontime on September 12, 2003. The Massachusetts Small Business Person of the Year, Holly Safford, President of The Catered Affair in Hingham, will be honored along with other small business advocates from throughout the commonwealth. The event is open to the public and those interested in attending should contact Christine Carter at SBA at 617-565-5560.

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